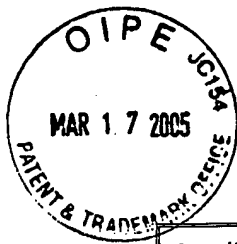


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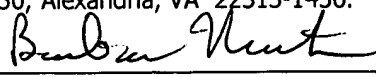
Response to Official Action

In response to the Official Action of December 15, 2004, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the claims as detailed below.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response. If any fee is due, this is also a petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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